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AMCONSUL CIUDAD JUAREZ

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AMCONSUL MAZATLAN

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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF ARREST OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

REF: A. MEXICO 9899 (NOT DEPT.) B. MEXICO 8665 (INFO DEPT.)

1. REF A. REQUESTED ALL POSTS SUBMIT SUMMARY EXPERIENCE TO DATE RELATING TO NOTIFICATION OF ARREST OF AMCITS SINCE ISSUANCE OF INSTRUCTIONS TO FEDERAL AUTHORITIES BY ATTORNEY GENERAL.

2. SEVERAL POSTS REPORT SOME IMPROVEMENT IN SITUATION BUT ON WHOLE IT APPEARS THAT COMPLIANCE WITH AG'S INSTRUCTIONS IS AT BEST SPOTTY. REPEATED COMPLAINT IS THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAVE NOT FILTERED DOWN FROM RECEIVING OFFICIAL TO WORKING LEVEL OFFICERS WITHIN HIS JURISDICTION. IT IS CLEAR THAT POSTS WILL HAVE TO KEEP PLUGGING AWAY TO OBTAIN AND RETAIN COMPLIANCE. EMBASSY WILL DO LIKEWISE.

3. AMCONSUL MATAMOROS SUGGESTS THAT LOWER LEVEL OFFICIALS MAY BE INFORMED OF NEED FOR NOTIFICATION AND ACCESS BY UNCLASSIFIED

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SUPPLYING THEM WITH COPIES IN SPANISH OF BILATERAL AND

VIENNA CONVENTIONS. WHILE BILATERAL DOES NOT REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF ARREST AND VIENNA ONLY ON REQUEST OF ARRESTEE, BOTH REQUIRE ACCESS AND EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT SUPPLY 200 COPIES OF EACH CONVENTION IN SPANISH FOR DISTRIBUTION TO POSTS AND REDISTRIBUTION TO LOCAL OFFICIALS. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT PRINTED COPIES OF CONVENTIONS AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT WOULD CARRY MORE WEIGHT AND BE CHEAPER THAN LOCAL REPRODUCTIONS.

4. AMCONSUL CIUDAD JUAREZ REQUESTS CLARIFICATION OF "AND OTHER AUTHORITIES" AS USED IN REF A. POSTS WILL RECALL THAT EMBASSY SUGGESTED IN REF B. THAT AG'S INSTRUCTIONS TO FEDERAL AUTHORITIES MIGHT BE USED AS LEVER IN OBTAINING REGULAR NOTIFICATION FROM STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

5. AMCONSUL MAZATLAN INDICATES THAT SEVERAL FEDERAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS IN THAT JURISDICTION CLAIM NOT TO HAVE RECEIVED AG'S INSTRUCTIONS. EMBASSY WILL PURSUE THIS WITH AG AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY IN GENERAL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN COMPLIANCE.

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